

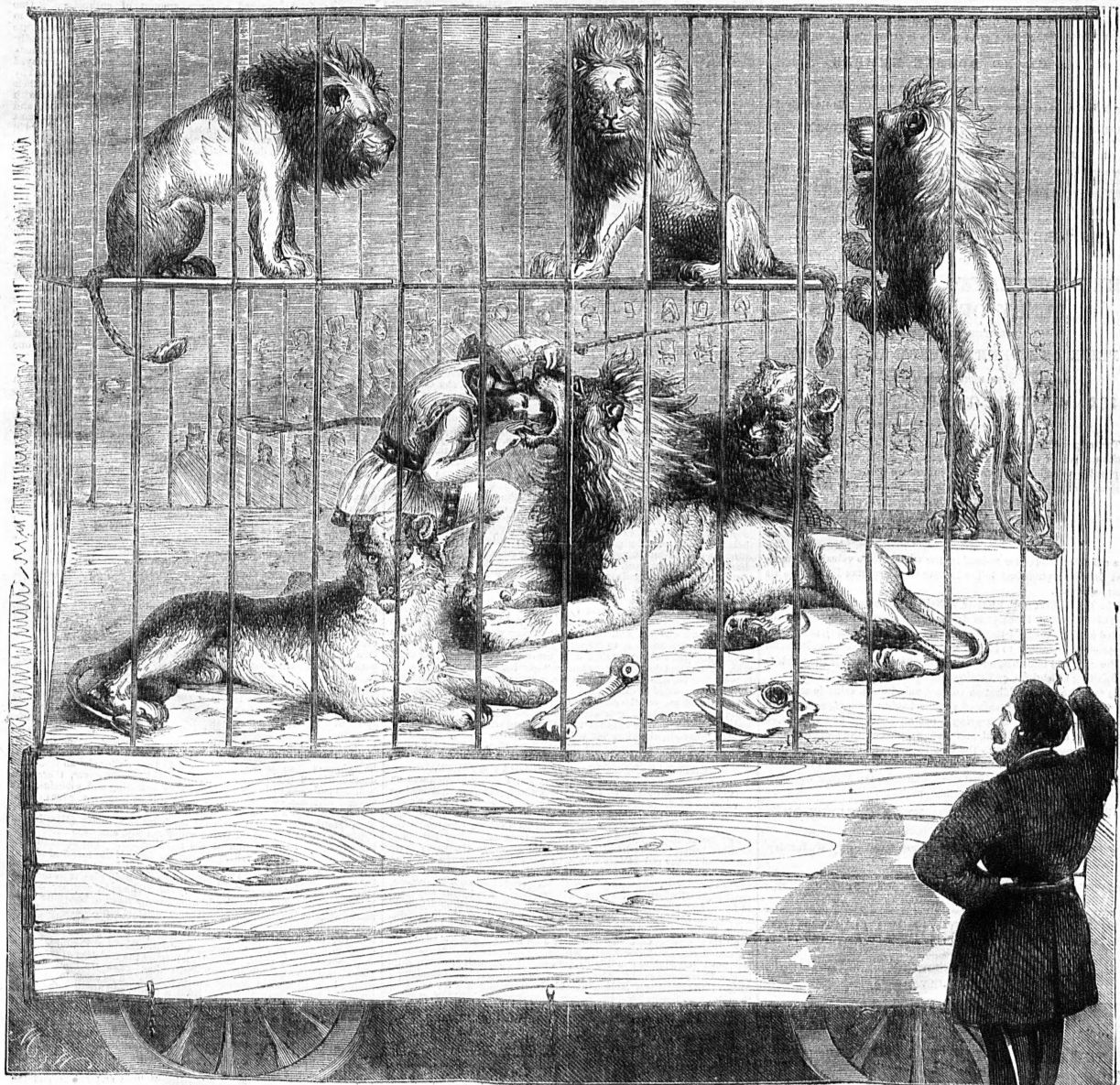


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CROCKET AND HIS PERFORMING LIONS AT THE AGRICULTURAL HALL, ISLINGTON.

(From a Drawing by Our Own Artists.)





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PRINCESS.  
The Princess's pantomime of "Harlequin Little Tom Tucker; or, the  
Pie and the Lady of Banbury Cross; or, the Old Woman who Lived in a  
Hoe, and Had no Money. Many Children who Didn't Know what to Do," will  
be the most elegant, best staged, and the Christmas-theatrical novelties for one of  
the most elegant, best staged, and the most valuable ability in working  
the corps of pantomimists. Mr. F. Lloyd, the artist, has achieved suc-  
cess never surpassed, and must now stand side by side with his great  
master, William Beyerley. It has been the good fortune of the Hy-  
drant Street News to keep the public assured from time to time,  
on stand at the head of his profession, of no ordinary ability, and that he must  
earn support, but the great secret has been in his mind, and we received no very

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## THE CRICKET SEASON OF 1863.

(WRITTEN EXPRESSLY FOR THE "ILLUSTRATED SPORTING NEWS.")

The county of Kent, during the past season, although not quite so fortunate in the cricket-field as might have been desired, has still maintained a very high and honourable position in the cricketer world—if only on account of the enterprising spirit she has shown, and the number of matches she has played. Cricket can boast of many firm and true supporters in Kent, and the "team" which she can turn out when requisite contains the names of several of England's very best players. A finer bowler and batter combined than very difficult to play than George Bennett, a more "dodgy" bowler, and one who has been seen since the days of very seldomly seen at the wicket. Kent, too, can boast of many famous men who lived in the "olden days." Talk to a Kentish about Grace, or Duff, or Carpenter, or Tom Hayward, and he will turn up his exquisite nose in unfeigned disgust. He cannot, and he will not, believe there was ever a man to compare in the remotest degree with "his good old Alfred Wynn." As that racy writer and true cricketer C. J. Prouse expresses it—

"And the fine old Kentish farmers say, with a fine old Kentish grin, 'Why, there ain't a man among 'em as can lick our Alfred Wynn.'"

And although I am one of those who believe that never in the annals of the noble game has the batting been brought to such perfection as at the present day, yet I cannot help thinking that Wynn's batting was not one bit inferior to that of many of our present "crack" players. Truly and heartily may the "Gallant squire of Kent" lament the death of their "joy and pride," but they may take heart from the fact that they have in Mr. G. M. Kelson, if not quite so fine a player, still one who gives way to no man in his passionate love and admiration of the national pastime.

The Kent season was opened on Wednesday, the 13th of May, by a match between the gentlemen and the professional "Colts" of the county, at Stone Park, Maidstone, on a pretty fair wicket. The play throughout, although not of a very high-class character, was extremely interesting, tending as it did to show forth the latent talent of the county. The professionals, however, made but a few runs. The gentlemen, who, it is only fair to mention, numbered among them several who certainly did not come under the category of "Colts," leading with consummate ease. The scores at the close were—The Gentlemen, 105 and 26; the Professionals, 44 and 32. The chief of the gentlemen scorers were—Mr. W. G. Ross, 9 and 63; Mr. A. White, 40 and 19; Mr. L. R. Ross, 4 and 36; and Mr. J. M. Shaw, 0 and not out 26. The figures of the professionals are not worth recording.

The next match was one which excited a great amount of interest in both Kent and Surrey—the "Colts" of each county being pitted against each other on 20th of May, at Kennington Oval, and was witnessed by a large and enthusiastic attendance, the weather being glorious in the extreme. Some superb batting was displayed on both sides; Williams played a capital steady up the rear with 16 and 10 respectively, both prettily played innings. Thorley, Walker, and Cheesman were the bowlers; but although they trundled some being that the "top-skins" had to suffer a seven-wicket licking. The figures at the close of the game were—Kent, 109 and 104; Surrey, 143 and 71, with only three wickets down.

The third match of the Kent season was against Cambridge—one of the good old county matches—the picked against the picked, and a grand match it was. There was some magnificent hitting displayed on both sides, terrifically long scores being made, and these in the face of very wet and dismal weather, which several times interrupted the progress of the game. The Cambridge men played unusually strong, all their very first players being no disgrace to them; but most fortunately, after a brilliant and exciting struggle, they won the match "out of the fire" by sixteen runs. In the first for the telegraph showed 306, while their antagonists only scored 120, and their former score—making a smashing innings of 176, 38 of which Goodhead contributed by some most magnificent play, which drew down thunders of applause from thousands of spectators. This only left the Cambridge men 91 to the infinite gratification of the Kentites they didn't. On the Saturday morning, the last day of the match, the Kent "team" took the field with determined looks, and such was the magnificent bowling of Edgar Wither, backed up by the insinuating "dodgers" of George Bennett, that the Cambridge men were unhoused for the very small score of 74, thus leaving Kent victorious by 16 runs.

The remaining Kent matches will be found fully described in my next CRICKETER.

## THE ADVANTAGES OF CRICKET.

The evidences of what may be called the pastimes of England, in contradistinction to its sports, are everywhere strong. Amusements and recreations once popular with certain classes, or in certain localities only, have become universal. Even amongst schools the increase of sympathy is apparent, and oldest institutions have been broken through more by an interchange of sport and the *pulea Olympica*, than by a comparison of scholarship and the dust of the schools.



CHARLES DIXON.  
(From a Photograph.)

It is true that this is the "dull season of London daily journalism; but we scarcely attribute to that melancholy circumstance the admission of long letters discussion has been admitted as a make-weight to the epidemics, or as a com-acceptable than gastronomy on £300 per annum, or the mauling of some victimised tourists. It is a healthy sign of the times, whatever it may be of the Times newspaper, that the interest in such matters should be recognised in our

leading journals; and we should not be sorry to see a frequent recurrence to subjects which have as much to do with the formation of character, and the development of valuable qualities, as the more substantial branches of public education. The village green does almost as much for our *profundus* values as give devotion to the other, reaps but little benefit from his sowing. If the clubs he gathers be not wild ones, they are at best but a weak and unimaginative crop. Now and then, among other matters, we have to call the attention of our readers to cricket and its details. It is one of those games which take hold of its votaries with a force apparently irresistible. It inspires them with a resolution to drag men, women, and children into the vortex of their own prejudices. It has grown from Surrey, Kent, Sussex, Hampshire, Middlesex, to the extreme limits of this country; and at the present time it is probable that the more remote corners of the south have ever put forth, Nottinghamshire has long been a favoured county, and Yorkshire and Northumberland have many scarcely known. At this moment York, why squire a cold in forming a county club, and from the material, natural and imported, it is likely to prove a very efficient one. We have, on previous occasions, pointed out the obvious reasons for this universal popularity. It is inexpensive, calculated for all ages (in one quiver skill, activity, attention, and temperance, and admitting, nay, counting, an admixture of classes which invariably redounds to the benefit of all. Forth, indeed, this last peculiarity gives it a greater claim upon our sympathy than any other. Squire may shoot or hunt with equire; football may be enjoyed by school with school; at billiards, gentlemen meets gentlemen, and cricket sharper. We play neither bowls nor quoits but with one equal: but degrees of skill. The person may be bowled by his clerk, his active, young squire may be caught by his father's exasperated butler; the choleric doctor may be run out by the imbecile village cobbler; and little Jones, liberal corps on the score of size, may give a most astounding black-eye to the herculean blacksmith of his same neighbourhood. As to the mixture of talent with exhibits in a provincial match the crack bowler of the university team and former is undoubtedly the more efficient performer of the two, it is doubtful whether his enjoyment or his popularity be greater than that of the latter.

Can there be any sort of doubt that these ingredients, add our readers, the country gentlemen, especially on these grounds. At this time idea of cricket for the following season more or less. Their bats and pads are bility of a club for the following year. Why not a club? say they. The squire plays a little, the parson capably; there's the lawyer and his sons; two a nobleman or two who is sure to support them, become their president, and send all his boys over when at home from Eton. But that will not do; there's the shepherds of peace. What's to be done? Why I take in the village or the town; let all the tradesmen and mechanics become members; reduce their subscriptions. It is desirable that they should be independent, and therefore undesirable that they should be admitted free; but they feel no degradation as some modification of so stubborn a fact as a guinea a year.

In all this there appears to be little virtue beyond the immediate result in good fellowship, and a closer community of sentiment between neighbours. There is, however, much more behind. What effect such intercourse has upon character is well known. There are no classes of our working population more well conducted, more temperate, more cognisant of the mutual obligations of society, than our professional cricketers. What is the reason of this? Is it that their constant communication with men higher in the social scale than values without jealousy, without that feeling of unapproachable distance on the one hand, or of impudent familiarity on the other, which distinguishes so often the uneducated in his intercourse with the higher classes. He very well to employ men, to feed them, to preach to them, to educate them or their children, to buy their labour, their skill, or their time; these are mutual obligations which they understand and acknowledge, but which brings us no nearer together. But as soon as you make men your associates in your amusements, your sports, or your pastimes, you bring them nearer to yourself; you let them see that mutual relations between man and man are not all pounds, shillings, and pence; and you break down that barrier which is the most common parent of vulgarity or fear. When a poor man assumes to be what he is not, he is vulgar; when he shrinks from asserting his proper position, he is a coward; the development of either class in a population is disadvantageous to a country, and in no way can we guard more effectually against the dilemmas gentlemen who found, support, and assist at a cricket club of the kind here pointed at, do so much towards raising up a grateful, healthy, and courageous in every village, and a mixed club on every ground.

**QUOTES.**—The match between L. Heaton and W. Gregory (both of West-houghton), to play a game of quoits, 15 yds distance, for £100 each, took place at the Copenhagen Grounds, Manchester, this day (Saturday). Mr. James Hayes, the proprietor of the grounds, holds the stakes.



HUNTING SKETCHES.—No. 3.—"AT FAULT."

(DRAWN BY BEN HERRING, Esq.)



PEDESTRIANISM.

MATCHES TO COME.

JANUARY.

- 1. 2.—All England Handicap, 120 yards, £25 and other money prizes, Fenham-park, Newcastle.
- 1. 2.—Handicap race, 440 yards, for a silver watch and other money prizes, Strawberry Grounds, Derby-road, Liverpool.
- 2.—Loughbottom and Nuttall—200 yards, £10 a side, Higginshaw Grounds, Oldham.
- 2.—A 410 yards' race, for a silver cup, by amateurs only, Brompton.
- 2.—Hayden and Narey—to run three miles, £25 a side, Victoria Grounds, Leeds.
- 2.—Brown and Cromack—100 yards, Cromack receiving two yards' start inside, Victoria Grounds, Leeds.
- 2.—Powers and Walker—440 yards, £5 a side, Park Inn Grounds, Prestwich.
- 2.—Edwards and Powell—100 yards, £25 a side, High-park Grounds, Fenton.
- 2.—Bradshaw and Peck—120 yards, £25 a side, Victoria Grounds, Leeds.
- 4.—Seven Mile Champion Belt and £25 a side, between Allen and Miles, Strawberry Road, Brompton.
- 4.—Barnard and Wilde—to walk two miles, Wilde giving 25 yards' start, £5 a side, Brompton.
- 5.—Mole and Popplewell—200 yards, Popplewell to have 20 yards' start, Victoria Grounds, Leeds, £25 a side.
- 9.—Haddfield and Parkinson—440 yards, £10 a side, St. George's, Hovey.
- 9.—Canavan and Narey—to run half a mile, Widnes Dock, near Warrington.
- 11.—Allen and Fennell—to walk seven miles, £25 a side, Fennell to receive one minute start, Summer Hill Grounds, Dublin.
- 11.—Mills and Morlike—to run a quarter of a mile, £7 10s a side, Prince of Wales Ground, Holloway Road, Birmingham.
- 11.—Page and Willmet—440 yards, £5 a side, Willmet to have three yards' start, Brompton.
- 11.—Kirby and an Unknown—100 yards, £5 a side, Kirby to have 12 yards' start, Brompton.
- 11.—Hayden and an Unknown—to run five miles, £25 a side, Victoria Grounds, Leeds.
- 16.—Coffee and Quail—120 yards, £10 a side, Strawberry Hotel Grounds, Liverpool.
- 16.—Shaw and Sykes—120 yards, £10 a side, St. George's, Hovey.
- 18.—Allen and Barro—to walk four miles, £10 a side, Barro to have two minutes' start, City Grounds, Manchester.
- 18.—Edwards and Hancock—120 yards, £10 a side, High-park, Fenton.
- 18.—Madden and York—150 yards, £10 a side, Strawberry Hotel Grounds, Liverpool.
- 21.—Hartshorne and Irvin—140 yards, £5 a side, High-park, Fenton.
- 23.—Child and Teal—to run a mile, £25 a side, Victoria Grounds, Leeds.
- 23.—Handicap sweepstakes, 400 yards, for £25 each, between Eddow, Collier, Neary, and Nuttall, Copenhagen Grounds, Manchester.
- 25.—Amey and Hambury—110 yards, £25 a side, Brompton.
- 25.—Haines and Jones—to run two miles, £10 a side, Balme to have 200 yards' start, Brompton.
- 25. 26.—All England novice handicap, 200 yards, £12 in money prizes, Queen's Hotel, Sheffield.
- 30.—Foster and Whittle—120 yards, £25 a side, Stanningley.

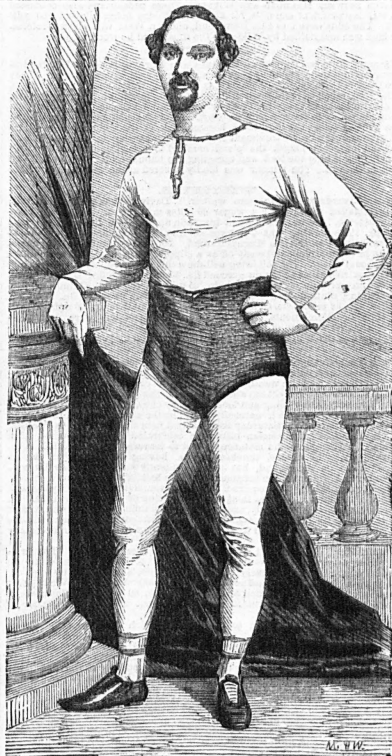
FEBRUARY.

- 1.—Parks and Price—115 yards, £10 a side, Ash Tree, Tivdale.
- 1.—Hughes and Miles—to run five miles, £10 a side, Holloway Head, Birmingham.
- 8.—Miles and White—to run 10 miles, £50 a side, Hackney Wick.
- 8. 9.—Handicap race, 225 yards, £50 in money prizes, Hyde-park.

HACKNEY WICK.

METROPOLITAN GROUND—KING AND MADE'S BENEFIT ON SATURDAY LAST—Not less than three thousand people assembled at Mr. J. C. Bann's enclosure to witness the above benefit. The sports of the roped arena included the sparring of most of the leading men in town—Billy Duncan officiating as M.C.—while the pedestrianism was managed by Mr. W. Price. King, as may be imagined, was well received, looked in excellent health and spirits, and set to with Mace amidst the loud cheers of the visitors present. Hean did not show, and still feels exceedingly nettled at his defeat. We give the details of the pedestrianism, the usual routine of the sparring exhibition being so closely characteristic of former proceedings as to make further remark absolutely unnecessary.

QUARTERS OF A MILE HANDICAP.—This was for money prizes, and those who had entered to contend had been fairly handicapped by W. Price according to their past performances and known ability, and were drawn to run the preliminary heats in the undermentioned order, viz.:—First heat: Brunell, 20 yds' start; Drake, 37; Carr, 35; Tuffin, 40; Morris, 45. It will be seen that five came to the post, and when the men had been fairly got in order at their allotted positions the pistol was fired, when off they bounded, the running by the leading men being made at a rattling pace. When the first half of the distance had been accomplished, Tuffin, Drake, and Brunell were ascertained to be the three leading men, and between the trio a splendid race ensued to the goal, terminating in Drake going in a winner by eight yards; Brunell, who had ran remarkably well, being second, and Tuffin next. The other two were nowhere,



WILLIAM LOGAN, THE FAMOUS 100 YARDS AMATEUR RUNNER, OF DUBLIN. (From a Photograph.)

as they had eased off when they found they had no chance of winning.—Second heat: Hancock, 20 yds' start; Todman, 27; Hodgkiss, 35; Taylor, 45. Again were the competitors got away in excellent style; but despite the efforts made on the part of Taylor and Hodgkiss, the two leading men, to maintain the advantage of their position, were compelled at length to give way to the superior running of Hancock and Todman, and, after a truly-contested race with these men to the finish, Todman went in a winner by three yards.—Third heat: Richards, 10 yds' start; Powell, 22; Moore, 45. Won easily by Richards; Moore finishing second, a long distance astern of the winner.—The fourth heat proved a blank, as none of those who had entered came to the post when the muster-roll was called.—Final heat: Drake, 27 yds' start; Richards, 16; Todman, 27.—These pedestrians, having proved the three winners of the preparatory heats, had now to contend for the prize, and after a splendidly contested

race from end to end, Drake went in a winner by five yards; Richards, second; Todman, who was not more than half a yard in the rear of Richards, a close third.

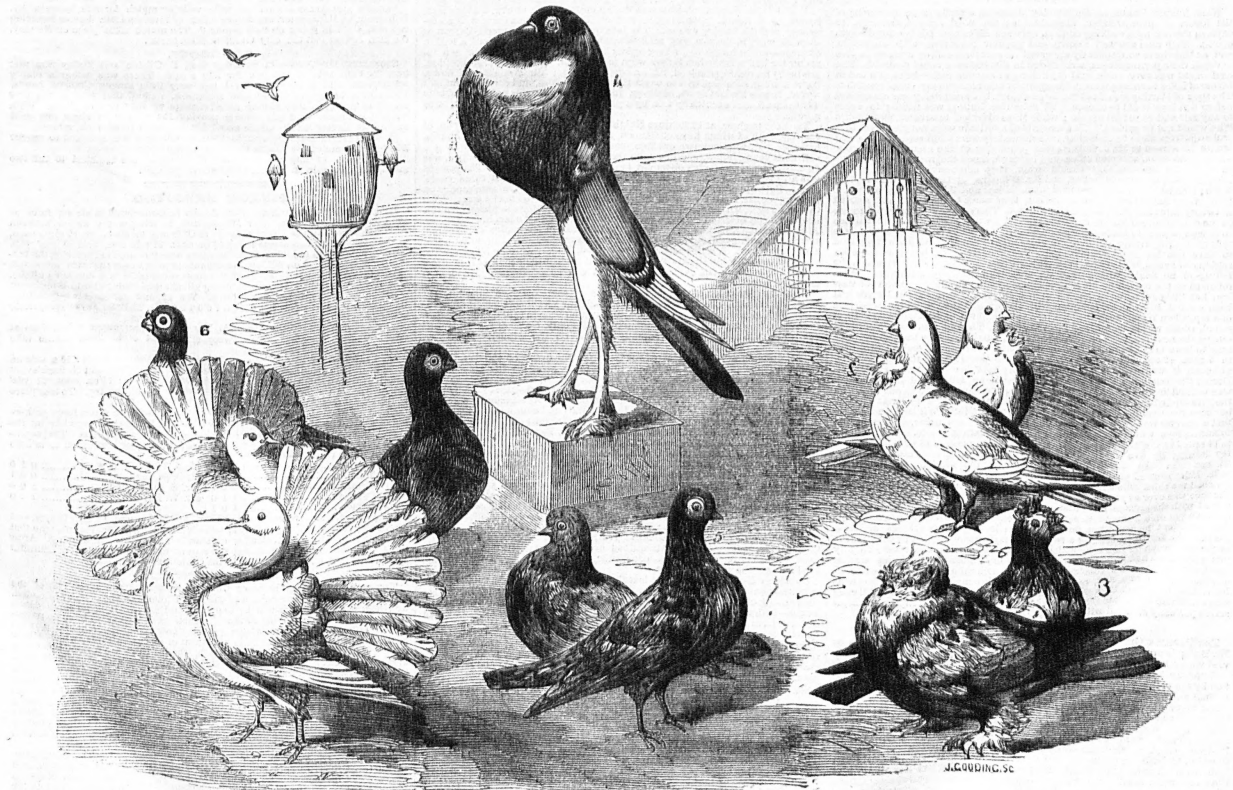
WANDSWORTH.

GARRATT LANE.—As the weather was delightfully fine, and Mr. George Woody (the proprietor of the enclosure), had, in conjunction with Jesse Smith (host of the Peacock, Malden-lane, Covent-garden), provided a splendid programme, upwards of 2,000 people visited Garratt Lane on Boxing day. The afternoon's sport commenced with a handicap race, distance 150 yds, first prize, £2 10s.; second, 10s.; third, 5s.; for which the following were nominated.—1. Weaver, 22 yds' start; Collins, Hammersmith, 30; Phillips, 16; Baiding, 16; Young Ambrose, 18; Pink, 18; Smith, 14; W. Hartley, 16; F. Rhone, 17; Crawley's Novice, 20; Merer, 17; Chapman, 18; Shaw's Novice, 18; Fiddling, 16; Snollet, 15; Doctor's Novice, 18; Bagnshaw, 16; Drake, 12; P. Cromer, 16; Brennen, 17; Owens, 15; W. Cole, 14; Fenner, 16; Satterfield, 16; Healey, 18; Riley, 18; Powell, 17; Powell's Novice, 17; Watson, 16; Vernon, 18; Clark, 18; Barton, 14; Collins, 15; Battersby, 16; Captain, 16; Wright, 20; Cox, 20; Stevens, 17; Schofield, 18; Pall, 18; Milford, 15; Hooper, 16; Blandford, 9; Powell, Bagnshaw, 16; Onslow, 17; and Howers 18. The prizes were competed for in six heats, in the first of which Phillips, 16 yds' start; Rhone, 17; Ambrose, 18; and Crawley's Novice, 20, were pitted. The two former were early out of the contest, Ambrose and Crawley's Novice being too swift a foot for them. The latter held a slight lead from the commencement, and won by half a yard only, but he was subsequently disqualified (for running under a false description), and the heat awarded to Young Ambrose. For the second trial, Watson, 16 yds; Merer, 17; Doctor's Novice, 18; and Riley, 18; came forward to compete. Riley obtained the start, but when within a few strides of home, was passed by Watson, and defeated by a yard. For the third heat we had Barton, 14 yds; Hartley, 16; Chapman, 18; Schofield, 18; and Collins, 15; at the scratch. Collins lost his lead in a new stride to Chapman, who, to the surprise of the spectators, was formidable at the close and was gaining fast, won by three-quarters of a yard or so. The heat which followed, between Fiddling, 16 yds' start; Shaw's Novice, 18; and Weaver, 22, was a very one-sided affair, the latter-named man being overwhelmed early by Shaw's Novice, with whom Fiddling also had no chance. The fifth heat was beautifully contested by Blandford, 9 yds' start; Bagnshaw, 16; Satterfield, 16; Stevens, 17; and Cox, 20; but, unfortunately, the victor, the victorious over Stevens by about a yard. The sixth trial brought out Cromer, 16 yds' start; Former, 16; Vernon, 18; and Cox, 20. The two latter made a splendid "dead heat" in the first essay, and eventually Cox triumphed easily, having the best of the start, as well as being the strongest man and in better condition. It was then decided that the final heats of the six preliminary winners (Ambrose, Watson, Chapman, Shaw's Novice, Satterfield, and Cox) should be postponed till this day (Saturday).

For the ALL-ENGLAND HALF-MILE HANDICAP—first prize, £2 10s.; the second, 10s.; and the third, 5s.—the following were entered.—Blake, 50 yds' start; Freeman, 89; Jeffery, 120; Lancaster, 130; Edwards, 90; Towson, 60; Wood, 100; Peck, 110; Goldsmith, 90; Brackley, 50; Pryor, 30; Allebone, 100; Cooper, 90; Mills, 90; Barrs, 90; A. Booth, 90; Roberts, 70; E. May, 70; W. Davis, 65; Taylor, 100; Sibley, 100; Weaver, Croxson, 90; Stockwell, 90; Pitt, 100; Owens, 70; C. Fenton, 100; Button, 60; Risley, 60; Childen, 60; Davis, 70; Collins, 70; Vinegar, 70; Lake, 60; and Perkins, 100. Six heats of this race were also run off. In the first one, Davis, 70 yds' start; Edwards, 90; Barrs, 90; Wood, 100; Frankston, 100; and Johnstone, 100, showed together, but the race was never in doubt, for Davis evinced the most speed and endurance from the first, and won easily, Frankston beating the other quartette. For the second heat only Goldsmith, 90 yds' start; Booth, 90; and Allebone, 100, came to the tussle; and the latter won quite cleverly, Booth taking second honours. The third heat brought out Towson, 60 yds' start; Vinegar, 70; Brackley, 50; and Taylor, 100. The last mentioned maintained his lead till within a score yards or so of home, when he was passed by Towson, who had quickly beaten his competitors one by one, and triumphed by five yards. Lake, 60 yds' start; Risley, 60; Prior, 30; Stockwell, 90; Sibley, 100; and Jeffery, 120, disputed the fourth trial. Prior was soon at the helm, but about four score yards from home he succumbed to Lake, who then won as he liked. Only Cooper, 90 yds' start; and Pitt, 100, showed for the fifth heat; the former ran himself to a standstill, so that Pitt came in an easy victory. The sixth heat was contested by Owens, 70 yds' start; Mills, 90; Fenton, 100; and Perkins, 100. The first and last gave in a hundred yards from home, and allowed Mills to go in alone. The deciding heats were then put off till to-day (Saturday), the same as in the preceding handicap.

The afternoon's amusements were then varied by the introduction of a THREE MILES WALKING HANDICAP, the winner receiving £2 10s., the second man 10s., and the third 5s. The following started.—Homes, 350 yds' start; Taylor, 240; White, 200; Will, 140; Cooper, 400; Barnard, 165; Barnes, 180; Tupperdun, 200; Gotta, 300; Roger, 300; Williams, 320; Mould, 120; Kilby, 180; Fiddling, 200; Young Baily, 200; Farley, 280; Howard, 320; Lines, 360; Broome, 320; Watts, 320; Lockey (Jones's novice), 300; Butcher, 280; Dunn, 340; Richardson, 130; Grist, 140; a Youth (aged fourteen), 400; Eve, 140; Spence, 300; Shepherd, 140; Owens, 140; Wallis, 220; Tawley, 220; Wren, 260; Reynolds, 240; Kempster, 80; White, 260; Pearson's Novice, 300; Riggs, 300; Seal, 380; Thompson, 300. It would be useless, as well as tedious, to attempt to describe the various changes in this contest. Suffice it, therefore, to intimate that Dunn proved the winner, and was succeeded by Will and Barnes, after a well-contested and interesting struggle.

FOR AN OUPLOCK, upon Mr. Woody agreeing to stand referee, then ran a quarter of a mile, for £10 a side; but there was little or no speculation upon the result. Ford got right away from the scratch with a decided advantage, broke his man's heart in the first ten or twelve score yards, and came home by himself.



PRIZE PIGEONS AT THE SCOTTISH ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY'S SHOW. (See Page 2.)

(From an Original Drawing.)







